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A rare moment in skating history

WE'D LIKE to add our congratulations to Penetanguishene's figure skating star Brian Orser.

The 19-year-old figure skating whiz captured the Canadian senior men's figure skating championship more than a week ago in Halifax and North Simcoe is still buzzing about his victory.

As Brian prepares for the World's Figure Skating Championships to be held in Hartford Conn., early next month it is worth repeating again how excited we all were to see Brian skate off with the national crown after two sensational programs.

His two minute program featured every trick in the book and then he bounced back with a gruelling five minute program that had fans in the Halifax arena clapping for joy.

As a matter of fact he

received a standing ovation at the end of his long program which included a daring triple axle which brought down the house.

His win obviously was an emotional one for himself, his family, coach, friends and all who have watched Brian over the years as he has continued to climb the ladder of success.

To beat out three-time Canadian champion Brian Pockar made the win that much sweeter.

Both skaters were coming back off injuries: Pockar an injured foot and Brian, an injured right hand.

We think both athletes performed in a superior fashion and that's why the Penetanguishene's skater's victory means as much as it does.

Well done Brian Orser...and best of luck at the World's.

Staff has art down to a science

IT IS OFTEN difficult to appreciate neighbouring municipalities until one travels through their length and breadth.

Take the Township of Tay for instance. Part of it is located at Penetanguishene's backdoor.

Yet the township actually stretches east well past Coldwater.

The township over the past 22 years has built or has had built for it 10 bridges. Most of the spans are now crossing the Hog River. But some are situated over railway right-of-ways.

Since late last year an 11th bridge has been under construction, this one over the

North River just a few miles north of Coldwater.

Cost of the project is \$260,000 of which 80 percent will be funded through Ministry of Transportation and Communications subsidies.

We are constantly amazed as we travel through North Simcoe communities (townships included) at how well municipalities and provincial government agencies work so well together in discerning needs and then where and when possible collaborating on their funding.

Mind you that's not new in Penetanguishene where the municipal staff has this art down to a science.

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Down Memory Lane



Flashback in time

This is the old Western Bank of Canada building that was constructed in Midland in 1882 when the town had a population of 4,000. It also served as the Playfair Preston Company's store. Do you have a

photo flashback you'd like us to publish? If so we'd be happy to hear from you. All memory-makers will be returned upon publication.

Letters

Our readers say...

Special week ahead for youngsters

Dear Sir:

As Scout-Guide Week draws near, Feb. 15 to Feb. 22, we in Scouting and Guiding would appreciate very much if your organization would inform the general public of the following program in your community.

Another view on constitution

Dear Sir:

In a matter as serious as "patriation" of the Constitution and its concurrent amendment, surely the request to the British Parliament ought to come from a government that has been elected on that issue, not on the rejection of a high excise tax on gasoline.

W.A.F. Hagborg, Winnipeg, Man.

Snowmobiler injured

A snowmobiler northbound on the east shoulder of Tay Township's Concession Five just after midnight Saturday was seriously injured when he drove into the rear of a parked car.

Taken to Huronia District Hospital with serious injuries was William Rowland, 23, of R. R. 1, Midland.

The accident happened just south of Highway 12.

The car, owned by Katherine Kobelski, of Bowmanville, Ontario, was parked and empty on the east shoulder.

Harbour man charged

A Victoria Harbour man who police say tried to go over a snowbank to evade an OPP cruiser has been charged with impaired driving and excess alcohol.

The Midland OPP says Constable Greg Chinn, 28, while driving on Albert Street, north of Maple Street, in Victoria Harbour late Saturday afternoon, gestured to a snowmobiler to stop on the side of the road.

As the cruiser pulled to a stop in front of the snowmobile, it went up the snowbank on the road's edge but fell back, damaging with the impact the cruiser's right front fender.

Charged after the collision was Deryle Romanowski, 28, of Victoria Harbour.

From Feb. 17 through 22, crafts and displays will be set up for viewing by the public. Other activities will take place during the week as follows. Between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Feb. 17 regular meetings of the following groups will take place in the Mall: : : Penetang Guides and Brownies; Elmvale Beaver Colony.

Feb. 18 regular meetings of the following groups will take place in the Mall: : : 1st - Honey Harbour Brownies; 1st - Port McNicoll Girl Guides; 1st - Port McNicoll Cubs.

Feb. 19 regular meetings of the following groups will take place in the Mall: : : 1st - Balm Beach Brownies; 2nd - Penetang Brownies.

Feb. 20 the following activities will be held in the mall for the children: : : Puppet Shows by: 5th - Midland Brownies; 4th - Midland Guides; 1st - Elmvale Beavers.

Feb. 21 crafts will be on display until 2 p.m.

This craft show is intended to show the general public how talented our young people are today, and also to show the public another side of guiding and scouting.

As we are promoting scouting during the week there will be no fund raising in the mall.

We would appreciate very much if you will also help us in promoting these two very important youth organizations.

Yours in Scouting,
Ernest J. Latanville,
District Commissioner
South Georgian Bay District Council

What's Your Opinion?

The Midland Times, The Penetanguishene Citizen and Elmvale Lance welcome Letters to the Editor. They must be legible, signed, (by hand) and carry the writer's address and telephone number for verification purposes. Pen names are not allowed and anonymous letters will not be published. All letters are subject to editing for length, clarity, good taste and libel. It should be noted letters that are typewritten and brief have the best chance of being published.

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